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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF VNAF PERSONNEL TO GUAM

1. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION WHICH WE RECEIVED THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS, 50 VIETNAMESE WERE EVACUATED FROM THAILAND EVEN THOUGH THEY WANTED TO RETURN TO SAIGON. IT IS STATED THAT THE EMBASSY CONVINCED THIS GROUP IT WAS IN THEIR BEST INTEREST TO GO TO GUAM. AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE EMBASSY DECISION WAS INFLUENCED BY FACT THAT THAIS WILL NOT ALLOW VIETNAMESE TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY AND THEY COULD NOT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES BE SENT TO SAIGON.

2. REQUEST IMMEDIATELY AN EXPLANATION OF FACTS ON THIS CASE.

3. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD WE BE INVOLVED IN CONVINCING OR ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE VIETNAMESE TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES IF THEY DO NOT WANT TO COME. THIS IS NOT REPEAT NOT POLICY. THE THAIS CAN GET PERSONS IN THIS CATEGORY BACK TO SAIGON EVENTUALLY IF THEY ARE INCLINED. WE CANNOT EMPHASIZE THIS POINT TOO STRONGLY. KISSINGER
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